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SUBJECT: BRIEFING NAC ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM CHARGE MCAULIFFE

1. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY OR MEMBER OF HIS PARTY, PERHAPS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE SISCO, STOP OFF IN BRUSSELS TO BRIEF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON STATUS OF SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH A BRIEFING A) WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH EMPHASIS THE SECRETARY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS HAVE PLACED ON DEVELOPING A HABIT OF CONSULTING WITH OUR ATLANTIC ALLIES, B) WOULD ENHANCE SUPPORT FROM EUROPEAN ALLIES FOR OUR MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS C) WOULD PROVIDE BACKGROUND AND PREPARATION FOR MORE WIDE-RANGING MIDDLE EAST BRIEFING BY THE SECRETARY AT THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL; AND D) WOULD MAKE A VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION HERE.

2. ALLIES HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT SECRETARY INTENDS TO STOP AT BONN AND LONDON ENROUTE HOME AND WE HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES WHETHER NATO WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

3. RESTRICTED COUNCIL MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE. PERHAPS MONDAY MORNING MAY 27 WOULD BE CONVENIENT. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD RETURNS TO BRUSSELS AFTERNOON OF MAY 25.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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